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1. APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S DETAILED EXPLANATION OF POLISH ACADEMIC SCHEDULE AND COSTS WHICH APPEAR TO PRECLUDE REDUCTION OF LECTURER GRANTS FROM TEN TO NINE MONTHS. RECOGNIZING PROBLEM BY EMBASSY OF CONSTANTLY RISING COSTS, WE ARE LOOKING FOR ANY FEASIBLE WAY TO REALIZE SAVINGS WHILE MAINTAINING CORE PROGRAM IN AMERICAN STUDIES. COSTS OF AMERICAN STUDIES CENTER WILL ALSO RISE THIS YEAR, TUS FURTHER INCREASING TOTAL COST OF AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAMS IN POLAND. GIVEN THE CU/EE BUDGET LIMITATIONS FOR 1976 AND 1977, IF WE ARE UNABLE TO ACHIEVE OPERATING ECONOMIES, SOMETHING IN THE OVERALL POLISH COUNTRY PROGRAM WILL HAVE TO GIVE, AND THE HIGH-COST LECTURER PROGRAM IS A NATURAL PLACE TO LOOK FOR SAVINGS. WE ARE PROCEEDING WITH PLANS TO PLACE AND FUND THE LECTURERS ALREADY NOMINATED THIS YEAR, BUT HOPE EMBASSY COULD RE-EXAMINE LECTURER PROGRAM FOR FY 1977 AND DETERMINE IN WHICH POLISH UNIVERSITIES, AND FOR WHICH SUBJECTS IT IS ESSENTIAL TO MAINTAIN US

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LECTURERS IN FUTURE YEARS. WE ALSO SUGGEST THAT, RATHER

THAN PLAN FOR US LECTURERS AT THESE UNIVERSITIES

INDEFINITELY, EMBASSY WORK WITH THE POLES TO TRAIN POLISH LECTURERS WHO MIGHT EVENTUALLY TAKE OVER FROM US LECTURERS IN SOME UNIVERSITIES. ALL THIS WAS DISCUSSED WITH ACAO PLOTKIN MARCH 9.

2. WOULD WELCOME EMBASSY SUGGESTIONS WHERE SAVINGS MIGHT BE EFFECTED. FY 1976 COUNTRY ALLOCATION WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY BY CABLE.

3. FYI. US SENIOR FULBRIGHT LECTURERS IN YUGOSLAVIA ARE CURRENTLY RECEIVING MAXIMUM GRANT OF DOLS 8,694 PAYABLE IN DINARS AND SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT OF 2500 IN DOLLARS. IF LECTURER HAS NO ACCOMPANYING DEPENDENTS HE RECEIVES TOTAL OF ONLY \$6,382. YUGOSLAVS DO NOT RPT NOT PROVIDE HOUSING OR LOCAL CURRENCY SALARY AS DO POLES. DESPITE THESE FINANCIAL TERMS, WHICH WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO IMPROVE ON, WE AVE BEEN ABLE TO FILL ALL SLOTS IN RECENT YEARS. INGERSOLL

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